

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 12, 2008

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Chairperson Lemprt convened the meeting at 10:50 a.m. In addition to Chairperson Lempert the following Committee members were in attendance: Vice-Chair Chu, Commissioners Azumbrado, Dodd, Giacomini, Haggerty, Spering, Worth, and Yeager. Also in attendance were Commissioners Bates and Tissier.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Committee members unanimously approved the following items on the consent calendar:

- Minutes of November 14, 2008 Committee Meeting
- Regional Signal Timing Program
 - i. 2009 Cycle Projects (\$1,456,000)
 - ii. Funding Agreement Amendment – Regional Signal Timing Program: San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (\$45,580)
- TransLink® Program:
 - i. Change Order – Enhance TransLink® Reporting to BART Data Acquisition System: Motorola, Inc. (\$80,000)
 - ii. Change Order – Support TransLink® Integration with New SFMTA Muni Metro Faregates: Motorola, Inc. (\$50,000)

Contract – Hub Signage Program Phase II Signage Design/PS&Es: Kimley-Horne & Associates

Mr. Jay Stagi, MTC staff person, reported that staff is ready to move into Phase II of the Hub Signage Program. He noted that this phase will consist of fully developing the design and engineering documents for wayfinding signage, real time transit information, and printed transit information displays for the nine transportation hubs. Mr. Stagi noted that a procurement process was just completed and two proposals were received. After review of the proposals, the team of evaluators recommended Kimley-Horn & Associates.

Chair Lempert asked if transit commuters had any input into the design. Mr. Stagi reported that transit users have given their input through focus groups, which is incorporated into the design.

Commissioner Sprering moved to negotiate and enter into a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, to implement Phase II signage design/planning, specification, and develop specific sign design and engineering documents for 8 regional transit hubs. Commissioner Worth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Contract - TransLink® Technical Advisor: Booz Allen Hamilton

The TransLink® fare payment system project requires a design and engineering oversight consultant. Booz Allen Hamilton has served in that capacity since 1998. MTC's current contract with Booz Allen was to have expired in 2003, after the original completion date for the design build portion of the TransLink® contract. Mr. Brian Gebhardt, MTC staff, reported that since the TransLink® project has taken longer than anticipated, MTC rebid the TransLink® design and engineering oversight contract for Phase 2.4 (VTA and SamTrans design/build); design/build for the remaining operators; and on-going operations support. The Request for Proposal was issued in September, and two proposals were received. The review team unanimously recommended Booz Allen Hamilton.

Commissioner Worth moved to negotiate and enter into a contract with Booz Allen Hamilton, in an amount not to exceed \$875,000, for the first year of service to provide technical oversight of the TransLink® contract, and coordination with the transit operators and other consultants. Commissioner Sprering seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Incident Management Program Update

Ms. Danielle Stanislaus, MTC staff, updated Committee members on the Incident Management Program.

Chairperson Lempert asked if the Legislative Committee could look into Congresswoman Speier's legislation that would require emergency response teams to complete their reports in a timely manner in order to open the freeways back up.

Commissioner Sprering asked if CHP could cut their investigation time in half when responding to incidents that requires a freeway closure. Ann Flemer, Deputy Executive Director for Operations, responded that CHP's goal is to have an average clearance time of 90 minutes. CHP trains all of its officers to clear the lanes as quickly as possible. Problems may occur when the officer responsible for determining whether they are ready to open the freeway does not want to risk opening the freeway too early and delays unnecessarily. CHP is working very diligently to resolve this issue. She noted that staff will check to see if there is anything more that CHP can do to cut down on the incident response time. Staff will report back to the Committee on this issue.

Commissioner Worth asked if staff is working with Caltrans to understand why there are so many daily accidents on the freeways, particularly Interstate 880, in order for the incident management program to be able to address some of those issues. Commissioner Worth also asked if there is an analysis being done regarding where the resources are being allocated relative to freeway clearance. Ms. Stanislaus responded that staff does have such an analysis. She also

noted that staff is working with the partner agencies on identifying what the primary collision factors actually are, in order to be able to address them.

Commissioner Bates requested statistics on the number of incidents on each of the major freeways in order to get some idea of where the problems lie and how often they occur. Ms. Stanislaus responded that there is some data available, and that she would provide this information with the next update.

Commissioner Tissier noted that it might be helpful to see what is being done by those agencies that have better response efforts, and then perhaps to share that information amongst other agencies. Ms. Stanislaus noted that the Incident Management Task Force is currently working on this through the Interagency Coordination Workshops.

Public Comment/Other Business/Next Meeting/Adjournment

Mr. Loring, public citizen, notified Committee members of the death of Ernie Hills, a pioneer in the planning of the current generation of transit systems in the Bay Area.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 9, at 10:00 a.m., Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, California.